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WELBY BANNED IN BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA



by Staff

BOSTON (GCN)—The massive gay protest of the "Marcus Welby, M.D." episode "The Outrage" has forced cancellation of the program in Boston and Philadelphia. Network affiliates WCVB and WPVI announced in separate decisions that they would not air the controversial program, giving a major boost to the hopes for a national cancellation.

In New York, the National Gay Task Force has learned that two more national advertisers have withdrawn from the program. Sterling Drug (Bayer Aspirin) and Gallo Wine cancelled their commercials after being shown the strength of the national gay protest.

In Boston, the program was shown to representatives of the gay community on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Following the viewing, the group discussed its complaints against the program with Paul Rich, Public Rela-

tions Director for Channel 5. The program was screened for top station executives on Thursday and the cancellation was announced Friday morning.

Robert Bennett, General Manager of the station, contacted Loretta Lotman of Gay Media Action and explained that he thought the material on the program was "not treated objectively." While Bennett claimed that he had not been forced into the decision by "pressure groups" and said he was thankful the gay community had "pointed out a potentially difficult program," the numbers of letters and phone calls received by WCVB surely played a large part in the cancellation decision.

Ms. Lotman hailed the decision as a major breakthrough in the fight for gay power. "For the first time," she said, "we're finding out that we have a hell of a lot of power, a loud voice and we don't have to

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Sargent, Dukakis Battle for Gay Votes

by David P. Brill

BOSTON (GCN) — Massachusetts Governor Francis W. Sargent last week launched an all-out effort to "out-gay" his Democratic opponent, Michael Dukakis, by outlining in detail his positions regarding certain gay rights legislation that will be filed for next year. It had been generally assumed that Sargent would not address himself to the issue during the campaign against Dukakis, who has taken the same positions and has been endorsed by Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) and Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPPAX), two organizations which traditionally sponsor such legislation.

In a letter to Robert Dow, president of the Homophile Union of Boston (HUB), Gov. Sargent stated, "... discrimination against individuals, whether through stigmatizing law, institutionalized prejudice, or other unfair employment, housing, and other practices is wrong and should be eliminated by law." Specifically, Sargent stated that he supports the amending of the state's General Laws to outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual preference in employment, union membership, housing, public accommodations, and insurance.

Regarding revision of the state's criminal code, the Governor said that he supports repeal of Sections 34 and 35 of Chapter 272, which outlaw "the crime

against nature" and "unnatural and lascivious acts." He did not, however, address himself to Sections 16 and 18 of Chapter 272, which outlaw "lascivious cohabitation" and "fornication." (Dukakis has stated that he supports repeal of all four.)

However, since all four sections have traditionally been included within the same legislation, this omission is seen as more of an accident than a deliberate error on Sargent's part. He said, "I strongly believe, in this matter as well as many others, there is a private sphere of individual behavior which it is not appropriate or practical for the state to attempt to regulate."

Sargent said, though, "I strongly disagree with legislation reducing the age of sexual consent from 21 to 16," saying that he did not think the age of 16 is an appropriate age to be recognized as the age of sexual consent. The matter is currently being debated as part of the general revision of the state's criminal code, known as S.200, which is being reviewed by the Massachusetts Bar Association.

Sargent did not elaborate on how he will work for or support this legislation as Governor if re-elected. He said that these "tactics remain to be determined during the next session of the legislature," but openly stated that he would sign the bills if they were to come to his desk. He concluded by saying, "... the rights and opportunities of

all members of our society are diminished if the rights and opportunities of any individual or segment of society are diminished."



*Incumbent Governor Francis Sargent,
Republican nominee.*

to Rep. Barney Frank on June 14, and at that time said that he would "take no position" on the bills. Commenting on the Governor's remarks, Rep. Frank said, "This shows what can happen when you apply the right pressure. When Sargent saw the top Democratic winners—Dukakis, O'Neill and Guzzi—all had supported gay rights, he knew he'd have to move." Frank has endorsed Dukakis for Governor.

Sargent now stands with Donald Gurwitz, the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Governor, and Democratic nominee Dukakis insofar as his positions on these particular legislative issues go. The official SWP position is, "We demand the repeal of all legislation against gay people, and demand the enactment of legislation prohibiting discrimination against gay people in public accommodations, housing, employment, and all other spheres of social life." (Taken from SWP platform on civil liberties, as reported by CPPAX.)

The Dukakis camp retorted angrily to Sargent's remarks, terming them a "Sargent-come-lately" approach to the issue. One aide pointed out that Dukakis had answered CPPAX and ADA favorably on the issue as far back as April, while Sargent ignored the question. "I don't think the gay people will buy it," he said. An additional Dukakis statement is forthcoming.

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Maine Activities

by Sturgis Haskins

BANGOR (GCN) — Gay Support and Action, Maine's largest homophile organization, has resumed its fall schedule with two September dances, both termed "highly successful." Despite what was called "an exceptionally poor response" to a mail fund-raising drive, a lease has been signed for new headquarters at 23 Franklin St. in Bangor. Activities planned for the winter include a gay pride weekend, a gay information week, workshops, legal incorporation, and lobbying activities in the state capital, Augusta. Some of the events will be held in cooperation with the nearby Wilde-Stein Club. Don Perry has been elected Chairperson of GSA, succeeding Vic van der Heyden, who has moved away from the area.



ORONO (GCN) — A gay organization at the University of Maine, the Wilde-Stein Club, has attracted national attention again. In a recent election, three of the club's leading gay activists were elected to the Student Senate. Karen Bye, Steve Bull and John Frank won without difficulty, causing one campus observer to note that "the Tuesday night Senate meetings will never be the same." The newly founded Wilde-Stein Club, despite opposition from many of the state's legislators and clergy, has already initiated Maine's first gay conference. In addition, the gay campus organization has won student funding and a lounge in the Student Union. Club members have planned further goals. John Frank and Karen Bye will teach an Abenaki Free College course entitled "Faggotry." The campus radio station, WMEB, will host a continuing gay radio program. And a peer counselling program will be started in each of the 40 dormitories. Also, meetings with head residents and resident assistants will be resumed this term, in conjunction with a program begun last year with the help of the Dean of Residential Life. That program was so well received, that a Unitarian film-strip on homosexuality—used as a visual aid—was worn out and had to be replaced. But other university departments have been cooperative as well. This week, a gay consciousness-raising group, under the auspices of the Student Health Service, was reactivated. And the library has again expressed interest in another exhibit of gay literature.

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BANGOR (GCN) — The manager of a Bangor television station has discussed the airing of a controversial "Marcus Welby, M.D." episode with groups protesting the proposed broadcast of the program. Robert Gilbertson of WEMT-TV informed the groups that his station cannot remove the program "because of the objection of one group of viewers," and that he has been "assured by ABC officials in New York that the program (in question) is in no way offensive." WEMT facilities would transmit the Welby installment, "The Outrage," dealing with the rape of a teenage boy by his teacher, to most of eastern Canada.

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BAR HARBOR (GCN) — Hancock County Gays' September outing has been held. The outing, hosted by Bette Emerson, took place at "Juniper Ledges," her retreat at Cadigan Cove. Over 40 persons reportedly attended.

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PROPOSED AGENDA ANNOUNCED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL GAY RIGHTS CONGRESS

EDINBURGH, Scotland (GCN) — Details have been announced for the proposed agenda of the International Gay Rights Congress. The Congress, to take place Dec. 18-22, 1974, in Edinburgh, is expected to attract over 500 delegates from around the world. In a letter to *GCN* News Editor Ellen B. Davis, Congress Organizer Derek Ogg asked that *GCN* readers comment on the proposed agenda. Among the topics are discussions of national and international laws, the status of gay women, the needs of young and old homosexuals, counselling and befriending, the fight against persecution, and international action. Other features listed in the "Provisional Programme — E.R.C. 1974" are workshops and discussion groups, including talks with the parents of gays from the U.S.A. and Australia. In addition, there will be cultural and other entertainment, and social functions during the evenings. *GCN* readers with comments or suggestions may direct them to the Congress Secretary, Ian C. Dunn, 8b Mayfield Gardens, Edinburgh EH9 2BU, Scotland. Package tours to the Congress, so that American gay delegates can travel there economically, have been organized. Two package tours are available in the New England/New York area. For information on the round-trip plan leaving Boston, contact the group coordinator at the *GCN* office. For details on the trip leaving New York City, contact the Tour Director, National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., New York City 10011.

+ + + + GAY STUDENT GROUP AT M.I.T. HOLDS SUCCESSFUL DANCE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (GCN) — The Student Homophile League of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology held its first

public event of the season, a dance, on Friday night, Sept. 27. The dance, held at the Burton House on Memorial Drive in Cambridge, was attended by 400 men and 30 women, according to the admission tally. Most of those who went to the dance were college-age. An officer of the M.I.T. gay campus organization, Harry Ugol, explained that "at M.I.T., there are 4,000 undergraduates and 4,000 graduate students, of which a very sizable proportion are gay." Ugol said he was "satisfied with the turnout" at the dance, and added that most of the proceeds from the \$1.25 admission charge (\$1 with flower) will be used to put into operation, "hopefully next month," a gay student lounge on campus. Ugol says that although they need furniture and other items to open the lounge, they already have space provided for it. And he said the purpose of the lounge was to "provide a place for gays on campus to meet." Another officer of the M.I.T. gay group, Irv Englander, said the presence of two campus policemen at last week's dance was "according to college rules." He pointed out there was a minor problem at a similar function last year, but the "campus police handled it nicely." There was no such disturbance this time. Englander says the M.I.T. Student Homophile League, founded five years ago, now has 50 or 60 members. The next public activity is scheduled for next spring.

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CHARGES RAISED OF ANTI-GAY DISCRIMINATION BY HOSPITAL

BOSTON (GCN) — A Boston man has charged that a doctor at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital gave him insulting, patronizing, and unprofessional treatment. Robert Kramer, 25, told *GCN* that he was upset by what happened to him at the hospital on Sept. 23. He said that although one doctor there examined him without any difficulties, a second doctor called in for consultation refused to treat him, saying no proced-

ure was indicated. Kramer charged that the second doctor breached the confidentiality of the doctor-patient relationship by unnecessarily disclosing to others at the clinic that Kramer was gay. And he said the doctor's attitude was, "You're wasting my time." The following day, Kramer says he complained about the incident to a Surgical Clinic official, who was reportedly sympathetic about the charges of patronizing and unprofessional conduct, but who refused to reverse the medical opinion. Kramer added that he next discussed the incident with Fengay, a group that oversees a gay health night at the Fenway Community Health Center, and who referred him to the hospital. Kramer told *GCN* that Fengay advised him to put his complaints in a letter to the hospital administration. He said the basic cause of discrimination against gays in medical treatment is the failure of medical schools to educate their students as to the specialized needs of minority groups.

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DRAG QUEENS SHOWING UP IN DENVER

DENVER (GCN) — Transvestites—men dressing as women—have begun appearing at many Denver gay bars and cruising areas, following the repeal of a city ordinance prohibiting the wearing of clothes of another sex on city streets. That was reported to the *Gay Community News* this week by a gay Denver resident. And the State of Colorado has had for about two years a consensual sex law, permitting sexual activities between consenting adults. But recently, in the community of Boulder, a controversial gay civil rights ordinance was defeated by public referendum. The Denver gay explained, "they've got a lot of red-necks down there." Several large U.S. cities, among them Detroit and San Francisco, have city ordinances forbidding discrimination on the basis of one's sexual orientation.

Anti-Gay Governor Gears Up for Election

CONCORD, N.H. — (GCN) — New Hampshire's anti-gay Governor, Meldrim Thomson Jr., is gearing up his campaign for re-election to a second two-year term. In the September 10th Republican gubernatorial primary, Thomson defeated three others seeking the party's nomination. Governor Thomson is widely known for his verbal attacks on gays and his opposition to the Gay Students Organization on the Durham campus of the University of New Hampshire, including a threat to cut off the University's multi-million-dollar budget if GSO activities were not curtailed. In the primary, the Governor defeated his nearest opponent, state Senate President David Nixon, by a 4-3 margin. A Thomson campaign aide, who preferred that his name not be used, told *Gay Community News* that the ultra-conservative Governor beat moderate candidate Nixon by "a little under 10,000 votes." The same aide confessed that the anti-gay Governor "ran weakly in Keene, Concord, and Portsmouth as expected, because those were liberal areas." And he said the biggest factor in the win was the Governor's "stand on taxes," meaning opposition to them. New Hampshire is the only state in the nation without a general sales or income tax; the operation of state government is financed heavily through the "sin taxes": volume sales of low-priced cigarettes, the sale of low-priced alcoholic beverages by the State Liquor Store monopoly, and horse and dog track revenue. The campaign

aide did not comment on the Governor's anti-gay crusading as a factor in the primary win. In the November general election, Thomson faces considerable opposition from the Democratic candidate, former state legislator Richard Leonard of Nashua, also a conservative. Most New Hampshire gays reportedly preferred more liberal Democrats to Leonard, although he is not known to have made any anti-gay statements.

Other top spots on the November New Hampshire ballot will find liberal Democrat John Durkin running against conservative Republican Louis Wyman for the U.S. Senate. Moderate Democrat Norm D'Amours beat liberal Sylvia Chaplain in the first district Congressional primary. In November, D'Amours will face conservative Republican David Banks. Political newcomer Banks has the full support of New Hampshire's only statewide newspaper, the anti-gay Manchester *Union Leader*, and its controversial publisher William Loeb. This summer, Loeb was criticized by many readers, liberal and conservative alike, for his tabloid-style, front-page feature "expose" series on Manchester's gay bars. A number of readers, in published letters to Loeb, were against the three-day series as being in poor taste or setting a bad example for the young. The series, authored by R. Warren Pease, showed photographs of gays embracing or dancing inside one of Manchester's three gay bars, and gave a printed account of what Pease described as an "initiation rite" by a lesbian on an adolescent girl.

NEWPORT, N.H. — (GCN) — A top campaign organizer says the failure of New Hampshire voters to nominate either Republican David Nixon or Democrat Harry Spanos for Governor is due to the Manchester *Union Leader*. Priscilla Spanos, the sister-in-law and top campaign organizer of defeated candidate Spanos, made the charge in an interview with the *Gay Community News*. In an extremely close three-way race, front-runner Spanos was edged out by some 2,000 votes by Richard Leonard. Another surprise in the Democratic gubernatorial primary was the impressive showing by state Representative Hugh Gallen, who nearly equalled the Spanos vote. Both Gallen and state Senate Vice-President Spanos are liberals, and both had sharply criticized anti-gay Governor Meldrim Thomson Jr. in their primary campaigns. The equally anti-gay *Union Leader* backed Thomson with strong support, and made Spanos the target of insults and jibes, including the epithet "Midnight Harry." In analyzing the primary election results, Ms. Spanos told *GCN*, "We will never know if there was any anti-Greek-American sentiment." Spanos is Greek-American. Adding that "New Hampshire Democrats stick together," she said both Spanos and Gallen have announced their support for Leonard.

BOSTON GAY DRAMATIZES FIGHT AGAINST CANADIAN IMMIGRATION LAW

by Gary Johnson

TORONTO, Ont. (GCN)—A gay activist from Boston, who was deported from Canada for life last month, had no problem returning to Canada this month. That's the story in the *Toronto Star* of Sept. 21, headlined "Banned homosexual sneaks into Canada." John Kyper, 26, a law student at the University of Massachusetts, made the unlawful return to "dramatize the absurdity and injustice of those sections of the (Canadian) Immigration Act which discriminate against homosexuals." In August, Kyper was deported from Canada while hitchhiking to Toronto. At the customs station on the Ontario side of the Niagara Falls Whirlpool Bridge, he declared 30 copies of Boston's *Gay Community News*, and for that reason was detained for over two hours and interrogated by Canadian customs officers about his homosexuality. Then Kyper was deported under Paragraph 5 of the Immigration Act, which forbids homosexuals from entering Canada, along with prostitutes, pimps, chronic alcoholics, drug addicts and traffickers, subversives, and the insane. At the time of his deportation, Kyper was told he could never enter Canada again, and would be subject to arrest if he did.

But Kyper returned the weekend before last, flying into Toronto International Airport, dressed in a coat and tie, and sporting a fresh haircut. This time he had no trouble getting past customs. Sponsored by Toronto Gay Alliance Toward Equality (GATE), Kyper spent three days in the city as an illegal alien. For several years, GATE and other Canadian gay groups have lobbied for

a change in the discriminatory Immigration Act. In 1966, a White Paper on immigration had proposed the dropping of all references to homosexuality. These changes were never enacted, even though the Omnibus Act of 1969 legalized adult homosexual behavior. In December, another report recommending changes in the Immigration Act is due.



Although Canadian immigration officials reportedly maintain that the discriminatory act is not enforced, Kyper says his deportation is proof that it is. Upon his return to Boston, the gay activist told *Gay Community News* that "such apathy is characteristic of federal officials, who have assumed that gay oppression in Canada disappeared with the Omnibus Act. During the recent national election campaign, Prime Minister Trudeau was confronted by gay liberationists at a Liberal Party rally, and he snapped: 'You didn't thank us in 1969.' But of course, these sections are occasionally enforced. Like the sex laws in most American states,

they are violated all of the time. Their very unenforceability guarantees that what little enforcement is made will be arbitrary and capricious." Kyper explained that "Victims are understandably reluctant to come forward with the evidence of discrimination. GATE knew of several such incidents. Now it had caught the government with its pants down . . . the *Star* quoted an Immigration Department official that my deportation was the first he had ever seen on the grounds of homosexuality. GATE then asked me if I would come to Toronto and surface. I would be confronting the Canadian government with an embarrassing choice: arrest or deport me and call even more attention to a stupid law, or ignore my illegal visit. After considering the risks, I decided to go. I really had nothing to fear once I had breezed

through airport customs." Looking back on the protest trip, Kyper told GCN, "GATE spokesperson Terry Phillips and I both were interviewed about the inequities of the Immigration Act. Ironically, we appeared on the government's own radio network, the CBC." Adding that although he was subject to arrest, the gay activist noted that he was never bothered during his three-day stay. "My visit was just one incident in GATE's continuing campaign to get the Canadian government to change its discriminatory immigration laws. Their chances of success are much greater than ours here in the United States, where the immigration laws still exclude individuals, not only for homosexuality, but also with the surreal categorization of 'suspected homosexual'."

Cimino To Face Noble

by Staff

Attorney Joseph P. Cimino of Boston has announced his candidacy for the office of State Representative from the Sixth Suffolk District. Cimino, 31, will be running as an Independent against Democratic nominee Elaine Noble, in the general election on November 5th. He is a 1969 graduate of Suffolk Law School, and is presently serving as an Assistant District Attorney for Norfolk County.

Cimino says that he has gained the support of many former workers of defeated Democratic candidate Helene Johnson for his campaign. However, he insists that this is not a campaign against homosexuality. "This campaign will be run on the issues—crime, housing, rent control, city services—a person's private life will not come into this campaign. I would welcome the chance to debate Ms. Noble," he said.

Cimino says that he, not Noble, is representative of the "New Politics." He says that Noble's spending of over \$12,000 is indicative of the fact that she is just the same old machine politics, big money people. Cimino says that he plans to spend no more than \$7500 in his campaign.

Cimino says that his experience as an Assistant District Attorney will be especially valuable to help him combat the major issue, which he feels is crime. Cimino says that the voters of Suffolk Six would be wiser in selecting him as their State Representative because he would be a more effective legislator than Ms. Noble.

His campaign committee has a headquarters at 316 Newbury Street in the Back Bay.

Announces Police Policies

by Staff

BOSTON (GCN)—Rep. Barney Frank announced this week that the use of Boston Police Department's "Inspection of Licensed Premises" form has been discontinued. Police Commr. Robert J. DiGrazia advised Frank of the change in a letter to him recently. The form had been protested as discriminatory by the Homophile Union of Boston (HUB) and Frank.

DiGrazia has been ambiguous, however, regarding Frank's suggestion to appoint a citizens committee to study the use of Field Interrogation and/or Observation (FIO) reports. HUB officials have stated that their organization will continue to protest the FIO system.

On another matter, Rep. Frank this week announced that he is asking the police department to station one uniformed patrolman on "The Block" during the late night hours to control the heavy cruising that has been going on there. He said that the residents of the neighborhood have been unable to sleep because of all the noise generated by the cruising traffic during the late night and early morning hours.

"I don't see why they can't go over to Park Square instead," he said. He asked that gay people frequenting "The Block" go to a non-residential area. Because of the threat of police action, as well as the recurring reports of anti-gay violence in the area, Frank says that "The Block" is not an appropriate area for cruising.

CONG. HARRINGTON TO SUPPORT GAY BILL

by Staff

Congressman Michael J. Harrington (D-Mass.) has announced that he plans to support HR 14752, the "Equality Act of 1974," which was filed in Congress this year by Reps. Bella Abzug and Edward Koch of New

York. Harrington, whose Sixth Congressional District includes most of the North Shore (from Lynn through Newburyport), made the announcement in a statement on September 23.

In making the announcement, Harrington said that discrimination on the basis of sexual preference "goes beyond the bounds of legitimate government intervention into civil rights. He said that supporting the Abzug-Koch bill, which would amend the Civil Rights Acts to include the term "sexual preference," would cause him "no difficulty." Senator Edward M. Kennedy has already indicated that he will also support the bill.

Harrington, though, stated that the chances for the bill's passage are "not good this session," citing the backlog of work that the Judiciary Committee, which must review the bill, has, because of the impeachment investigations and the Rockefeller confirmation. He said, however, that if enough gay and concerned voters were to write Congressman Peter Rodino, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Rodino might be "persuaded to complete action this year."



Independent Joseph P. Cimino of Boston

On the issues, Cimino appears to differ little with Noble. He says he will sponsor all gay rights legislation if elected, and he is opposed to the new pornography laws.



EDITORIAL

the little engine that could

The Gay Community deserves a pat on the back for some of the results of arbitration in the last few weeks. We can do it, but most important, is that the example must not fall by the wayside, unnoticed, but instead be used for incentive to continue.

The cancellation by WCVB of the "Marcus Welby" episode proves that letters and phone calls do work, and the more such action, the more reaction comes from it. Not only WCVB, but also WNAC, responded to action by the community and is now running an editorial by a member of the community as well as their own pro-gay rights editorial. It is time to be aware that we are beginning to come into our own in the power of push, and now is the time to push

further, not to stop. The point for stopping is still far in the future.

Four more advertisers pulled out from the national Welby broadcast due to the large gay protest, but another large company has bought time, and several others remain firm in their commitments—they need to hear from us.

Legislation is pending on a *national* level which could overstep the discriminatory laws left in every state in the union. One congressperson said that if enough gay and concerned voters are heard from, there is a chance of passage this year. They need to hear from us.

Our own Massachusetts State House will be considering gay rights legislation again when they go into session, and representa-

tives there admit that five or ten pieces of mail on any of their bills is considered a landslide of public response. They need to hear from us.

Primary results in Massachusetts proved that gay rights is not necessarily a damaging issue to candidates anymore, and the gubernatorial race now seems to be courting the gay vote from all sides.

So we have come a long way—farther than we expected, perhaps, in this amount of time. There is certainly a long way to go, however, and much change still to be spurred, yet we know now that it can be done. The letters and phone calls, though, must continue to flow. So, after patting yourself on the back, sit down and get your fingers ready to work again, and again, and again...



dear animal

[Editorial Note: A few weeks ago Linda Lachman, publisher of GCN, sent a pointed letter to William Loeb at the *Manchester Union Leader* in response to his series of blasts against the sins of gayness in Manchester, New Hampshire. Since the *Leader* publishes letters along with the writer's full name and address, Linda received the following hate-mail at her home.]

Linda Lachman:

Have sent your letter in the *Union Leader* to the chief of police in your home town to let them know of a degenerate residing in their city.

In case minors are assaulted by one like you, committing an unnatural act on them, or is murdered by a degenerate like you, they will look you up.

You dirty, immoral, filthy animal.
A Christian



Parthenope horrida.

LETTERS

hey Nolder

An Open Letter to A. Nolder Gay, Ph.D., L.H.D.:

Dear A. Nolder,

I enjoy your column and I sincerely respect your right to whatever amount of "visibility" you wish your Gay life to have. However, I am offended by the off-hand way you slight your value, and all professional Gays' value, as role models to other Gay people and especially Gay students [...]

I agree that twenty-year-olds probably do not need "ideas about happy sexual relations" from their professors. But, as a homosexual you must realize that there is a profound lack of visible, professionally successful Gay people—people who are successful and not hiding their Gay life. This lack is extremely obvious when scaled next to successful Blacks and women. Too many Gay persons I know joke about "If they only knew at the office!" This attitude only reinforces the dogma that a Gay individual can only be successful by "passing" from nine-to-five.

I don't say you must relate your courses to Gay themes, or start a Gay studies program, become an official or unofficial counsellor to Gay students. Not every Black or woman teaches Black or Feminist courses, or is even involved in their respective movements. But at least every Black or woman is visibly demonstrating that "It can be done—I'm here and you can be, too." This is the type of role model Gay people need.

Respectfully,
Michael Kelley
Boston



Born Welby

Dear People:

First of all, HOORAY FOR US!! The Boston cancellation of Welby is an important step in the evolution of a unified gay community. No one person caused the cancellation; every person who wrote a letter, called, telephoned or worked in any way to help had a part in the WCVB decision. My deepest thanks to all of the people who helped make it happen. We may not have won a national cancellation yet but we're closer than anyone ever dreamed was possible. Mass media will think many times before they tread on us in the future. There IS gay power and it lies in the ability of all of us to work together.

Next, I would like to reply to my sisters who wrote to GCN last week about "Born Innocent." I did not see the program, but I have certainly heard enough about it in the last few weeks to realize the damage it has done. I would like to clear up a few points. All three networks agreed in the past year to allow the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) or other authorized gay organizations to review scripts dealing with homosexuality before allowing them into production. ABC honored the agreement and that's how we found out about "Welby." However, NBC did not submit "Born Innocent" to NGTF or anyone else; the first we knew about it was the night it aired. The energy currently going into Welby took almost six weeks to generate; part of the excitement is in the fact we may force something off the air before it can appear and damage the community any further. "Born Innocent" has already aired and there is no way to take back that unfortunate airing. HOWEVER, the program is NOT being ignored. NGTF has already contacted NBC in New York and informed them that after the Welby protest has concluded, they are next. All the energy that has gone into the Welby protest is going to be shifted to NBC and "Born Innocent." Believe me, no one ever dreamed the gay community could muster so much power against a bad program. Every network is watching ABC closely; they know that advertisers have cancelled, two affiliates have cancelled and ABC ulcers are bleeding every time someone mentions "gay." NBC is realizing all too well the force the gay community now has on a national basis. They also know from letters and phone calls that they blew it in "Born

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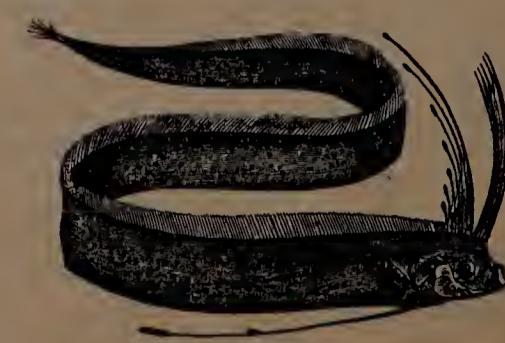
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Innocent." They get "theirs" next. The details of our protest are being worked out right now, but will definitely include a ban on that program so that it is never again aired anywhere; a public apology from NBC; an enforceable promise that they *will* submit gay-related scripts to NGTF; and positive program development about gay people in general and lesbians in particular.

Now—to my gay brothers: Lesbians worked every step of the way to help stop Welby, a male-oriented script. We will continue to work until a national cancellation is guaranteed. It is your responsibility, now, to support gay women in protesting "Born Innocent." If there is to be female/male unity in the movement, now is the time to work actively for it. Bad gay programming hurts us all; until we can stop all the shit and start working on a positive image in media, we can't rest. Please, write when you can to: Herb Schlosser, President, NBC, 30 Rockefeller Center, New York City 10020 or call (212) 247-8300.

Gay Pride and Love,
Loretta Lotman



en garde

Dear Editor:

Having read recently in your publication about the many acts of violence being aimed at gay brothers and sisters, I felt compelled to put forth a few thoughts on the concept of "Gay Self-Defense."

In this light I feel the Gay Movement can learn from the Women's Liberation movement which has taken firm actions to fend off violent sexual assault, rape, and other violent acts of aggression aimed at the female. Throughout the country, Women's Liberation and Feminist groups have set up and organized Anti-rape and Anti-sexual assault centers and groups which include actual workshops in Judo and Karate amongst other types of self defense. In those areas where such groups have not been organized, women have been encouraged to take self-defense courses to protect themselves from violent assault.

"It seems to me, as it must to you all at GCN, that the personal safety of gay people in this country as well as in the Greater Boston area has reached a point requiring more than traditional warnings on how to avoid violent physical assault. We are certainly beyond the "turn the other cheek" approach. Many of us have turned too many cheeks already.

Therefore, it would seem almost an obligation for the growing number of gay liberation service centers as well as organizations to begin to start dealing with the concept of "Gay Self Defense" now and start to provide gay people with lessons in terms of basic self defense tactics just as many feminist anti-rape centers do. After all, Gay Liberation does mean "Fight Back."

A service could also be rendered by GCN in this area. Your newspaper could begin to investigate available literature, data, and studies as well as interview public officials on their stand towards rendering aid to gay people who are sub-

ject to violent assault and murder. But better yet, your newspaper could serve the needed function of organizing a self defense effort and coordinate such a 'Mobilization Against Violence' in an aggressive manner.

Remember, Lavender Smokey the Gay Bear says, "Gay Liberation means fight back—Fight Back now!!!"

In Gay Liberation,
Joel Starkey
Boca Raton, Florida

[Editorial Note: While GCN could certainly benefit the community by sharpening the tools of investigative journalism, we cannot put our energies into direct organization or co-ordination of such a 'Mobilization'; because, quite simply, we have the paper itself to tend to each and every week. People are concerned, and things are happening. If a gay defense group is to continue development, the sustained and new efforts of the gay community at large are a necessity.]

saw see

Editors:

Having not seen GCN for about 10 issues, until recently, I want to comment on some things. I see movement paranoia still runs through some veins. (Letter to the Editor from Sheri, in the second of September's issues no. 12) I must protest this attack! GCN must be given a hearty round of applause for stepping out beyond news of visiting dignitaries from N.Y. and notices about dances and meetings. Let us all learn to search out the truth rather than force ourselves to acknowledge it only when it steps into our bedrooms.

The only problem I had with the story was that it was written to be deciphered rather than to be read. A confusing, but nonetheless noble effort.

The people from HCHS might like to know that several people have commented that the "everybody's autobiography..." ad sounds like old files have been published and are now on sale. I guess that's not the case? Too bad.

Features too often seem either a little dull (though not offensive at least), or opinionated "studies" without wit or insight are disguised as careful thinking. There must be some *creative* people out there who can write intelligent articles.

David A. DeNeef
Boston



CORRECTION TO "GAY RIGHTS IN THE USSR"

The article, "Gay Rights in the USSR," which appeared in the Sept. 14 issue of GCN, was largely based on information from the pamphlet, *The Homosexual Rights Movement (1864-1935)*, by John Lauritsen and David Thorstad.



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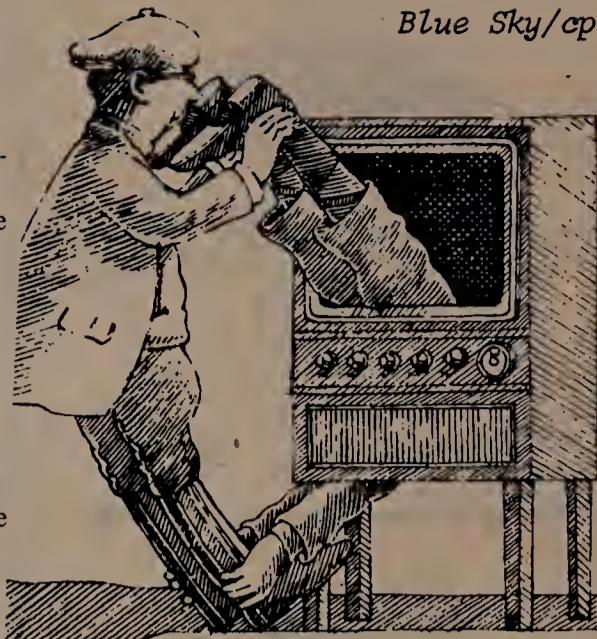
WELBY BANNED

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lose when dealing with the straight community. We all pulled together, men and women, out or closeted, and proved that there is a gay community capable of working in unison."

In Philadelphia, ABC affiliate WPVI not only cancelled the program, but issued a strong gay rights statement. The statement read, in part: "It appears to us from the outset of this program that integral to the author's original premise is a false stereotype of homosexuals as persons who pursue and sexually assault young boys. The presentation contains substantial improbabilities and contradictions that impinge upon the credibility of the situation portrayed while actively reinforcing the negative stereotype . . . We are equally and especially concerned about the additional burdens of prejudice that the airing of a shallow and facile treatment of such an explosive and confused subject area will doubtless lay upon a newly emerging minority in our society. Consequently and having also in mind pending legislation in City Council affecting the civil rights of homosexual persons, we have elected not to carry this particular program and have so notified the ABC Network."

ABC officials held a second screening of the program last Friday to determine whether they will air the show nationally or not. Boston and Philadelphia are the two top ABC affiliated stations in terms of the number of people reached and constitute between 8-10% of the ABC national audience. (ABC stations in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles are all owned and operated by the network and locked into any network programming.) Inside sources at ABC in New York report that network executives are shaken by the cancellations and growing lack of sponsor support. They are also paranoid about our inside sources. Gay Media Action reports that the network is "leaking



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like a sieve" as gays at all levels within the company have covertly joined the protest. Network executives have kept most information about the "Outrage" as confidential as possible and have reportedly increased security measures around their main building. However, well-positioned contact people have kept NGTF and GMA informed of every major development as it has happened.

Ms. Lotman and Gay Media Action warn, however, that the battle is not yet over. "The Outrage" is still scheduled to air on over 200 stations around the country and ABC has not yet decided to withdraw it from national broadcast on Oct. 8. Cards, letters and phone calls are still needed to help convince ad agencies, sponsors and the network to withdraw the program. Please—write immediately to Elton Rule, President, ABC Inc., 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York City 10019 or call 212-LT1-7777.

BULLETIN

NEW YORK CITY (GCN)—The east coast executive office of ABC said Monday that the Marcus Welby show, "The Outrage," will be aired as planned on Oct. 8. ABC has sent telegrams to all affiliates urg-

ing stations not to succumb to any pressure groups and to air the Welby show. Gay groups in New York are working on a letter to counteract the one ABC has sent out and will be mailing it out by Tuesday.

Thomas J. Lipton, Inc., has pulled out of their advertising spot. The Colgate Palmolive Company bought one of the remaining time spots on Friday afternoon and cancelled several hours later.

WABC in New York City says, "The show will go on!" An inside source at the station told GCN that the main reason is that there is nothing to show in place of the Welby episode.

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The Medical Counterpoint View Of— HOMOSEXUALITY: THREAT OR MENACE?

by Thomas Mayer

*Homosexuality is the most widespread form of adult sexual deviation, to use that tarnished but still functioning term.

+In the homosexual, the sexual impulse is the sole pleasure."

+The dynamics of homosexuality are intimately related to loneliness; homosexuality psychologically constitutes a sexually substitutive addiction for the lack of affection.

*A new category, variably printed as "sexual orientation disturbance" is to be introduced into the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual" for those homosexuals who are disturbed by their form of sexuality and may want to do something about it, such as, seek out treatment.

A widely-read medical periodical has provided a so-called discussion of homosexuality which reminds one of *National Lampoon's* cover entitled "Pornography: Threat or Menace?" The periodical is *Medical Counterpoint*, and the opposing articles in the August-September issue are entitled "Homosexuality: A sexual-Object Distortion" and "Homosexuality: A Psychological Addiction." Both articles assume that homosexuality is a psychological disorder of some sort, this assumption giving rise to the Tweedledum-Tweedledee nature of the titles and texts of both articles. The two articles both suffer from the rambling, aimless theorizing of two M.D.'s who seem to base all of their ideas on the pathology of the cases which come before them.

The first article, "Homosexuality: A Sexual-Object Distortion" by Roy H. Hart, M.D., is the worse of the two; Hart refers to such self-styled experts on homosexuality as Irving Bieber, M.D. and Charles Socarides, M.D., and relies almost entirely on the Freudian model, which leads him to such overgeneralized statements as "The child-like adult and the homosexual are narcissistic." Everyone, when seeking a lover, is more or less "narcissistic" in that everyone tends to choose others who best reinforce and reflect one's own self-image.

A little further on, Dr. Hart digresses to mention that "during the Napoleonic Era, when the cream of French manhood was contained deep inside Russia, some forlorn wives, sweethearts, and mistresses back in France were finding substitute sexual gratification by engaging in practices with their dogs." Obviously, according to Dr. Hart, only women are subject to the throes of sexual longing. Dr. Hart is here on extremely speculative ground. Did these so-called practices actually happen, and, even if they did, of what significance is it? Dr. Hart goes on to say that this bestiality "might be referred to as facultative bestiality, analogous to the homosexual activity practiced among heterosexuals in prison or in other settings where prolonged isolation from members of the opposite sex is the reality." As Peter Fisher points out in *The Gay Mystique*, all sexual activity with others is "situational," being dependent on the availability of a sexual partner; the reality is always situational, even though this is more apparent in extreme situations such as in prison. Of course, Dr. Hart imagines the French women with their dogs, but what was the cream of French manhood doing with themselves deep inside Russia?

Dr. Hart dismisses the historical occurrences of homosexuality by dismissing the "viability" of societies such as Sparta as questionable. If Sparta was indeed not viable, it was as much from an overabundance of *macho* maleness and militarism as anything else. Dr. Hart then continues, "Heterosexuality is necessary not only to guarantee the next generation its numbers, but also to furnish civilization with its driving force." Well, who has ever advocated the abolition of heterosexuality? Even the fiercest gay liberationist admits to the majority status of heterosexuals: Dr. Hart seems to have succumbed to the myth of homosexuality as contagious. And since when does heterosexuality have a monopoly as the one and only driving force of civilization? To top off this series of groundless, opinionated rambling disguised as argument, Dr. Hart adds a lesson from physics: "As I interpret the historical process, heterosexuality is a key biological mechanism in the counterbalancing of nature's implacable movement toward destruction, as enunciated in the second law of thermodynamics, the entropy law." So much for ecology—and so much for logical thinking.

The second article, "Homosexuality: A Psychological Addiction" by Richard E. Frenkel, M.D., is less shrill than the first, but is more overgeneralized and more simplistic. Dr. Frenkel offers such flat statements as "The homosexual is constantly seeking affection; no matter how many times he has homosexual relations, he never feels completely satiated. In the homosexual, the sexual impulse is the sole pleasure. It is sad and ironic, but the very cause of homosexuality is loneliness." This last statement is particularly misleading. Loneliness "causes" one sexuality no more than any other, but provides a state of mind which leads a person to seek others. It is truly sad and ironic that Dr. Frenkel cannot distinguish between his homosexual clientele and the overall homosexual public. Statements such as those of Dr. Frankel's above cast doubt over all of his observations.

It is incredible that such aimless mental masturbation on the part of these two professionals passes for thought in a leading medical periodical. Perhaps the doctors should leave physics and solipsistic philosophy out of psychology, and refrain from extending their private professional experience into overgeneralized conclusions about the homosexual public at large without some clinical evidence to back them up. The periodical *Medical Counterpoint*, in printing these two articles, is presumably following its statement of policy, part of which reads, "Every physician is the sum of different training, observations, experience, and convictions—each a unique individual, with an equally valid point of view." (Except, one might add, when those points of view are presented with neither documentation nor intelligence.)

*—Excerpted from "Homosexuality: A Sexual-Object Distortion," Roy H. Hart, M.D. *Medical Counterpoint*, August/September 1974

+—Excerpted from "Homosexuality: A Psychological Addiction," Richard E. Frenkel, M.D., Sc.D., *Medical Counterpoint*, August/September 1974

+ "During treatment, the homosexual impulse lessens in intensity, and the formerly inhibited heterosexual impulse is strengthened."

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TELLING



By Jan Goodman

In the March 30, 1974, issue of *GCN*, there was an article titled "B.U. Senior Srites Book." At that time Jan Goodman was beginning to interview lesbians concerning conversations with their mothers about their sexuality. The book, *Telling Mother*, now complete; and Ms. Goodman, now a reporter for the Boston Phoenix, is in the process of trying to find a publisher.

The following are excerpts from the Preface and the chapter, "On Support Groups" from the completed manuscript.

When I first realized I loved a woman, I was relieved. At last, I had found a relationship where two people could be equal. The past had been a compromise of my emotional needs. It was always I who had to change, not he, because it was I who was unreasonable. With her, I realized that I had not been expecting too much in a love relationship. I had been expecting too much of men.

The two of us were alone. We walked down dark side streets holding hands, watching for oncoming cars. We separated as we reached the lights and the passers-by. We were aware of an intense contradiction between the warm, good love we felt for each other and the response we expected from the rest of the world: shock, disgust, disbelief.

I began to see through the myths society had created and perpetuated about Lesbians, because the myths had nothing to do with what I was. I did not "resort" to Lesbianism because I had failed in my efforts to get a man." Nor did I want to be a man, although I did want to be free from sexist oppression. I did not spend all my time in bed. I was still Jan Goodman, clearly recognizable to those who knew me. I still made jokes, loved to talk with people and to involve myself in as many things as possible.

I noticed a disparity between the life I was leading and the expectations of the people I was closest to. The question, "Meet any nice men lately?" The assumption that if the answer was "no," then I must be very lonely. The knowledge that when I called home, it was better to talk about male friends rather than the women who were the center of my life. The fact that if I went out for pancakes with the guy across the street was more important than my involvement with the women's movement. I was hiding a natural, fulfilling part of myself. I felt increasingly distant from friends and family.

I wanted mostly to tell my mother. She was the person who had brought me up. She was genuinely concerned with my happiness. I hoped that my mother would have the capacity to understand because she, too, was a woman.

Although I lived in a city, I didn't know any gay women who had gone through this experience. The library was of no use to me. I wanted to read about other Lesbians' experiences in telling their mothers, but no such material existed. It was clear that I had to do my own research.

The following interview was conducted at a Boston Daughters of Bilitis rap group. The people who attend differ each week as does the emphasis of the discussion. I attended one Tuesday night, tape recorder in hand, and proposed that several of the women come with me and have a separate rap on "Telling Mother." The topic interested so many of the people that the whole group of twenty decided to participate.

The women ranged in age from 21 to 40, with the majority in their mid-twenties. Though they all lived in the Boston vicinity, many of the women were originally from other parts of the country. With the exception of a few, most of the women did not know each other.

SHARON: I had a friend who was disowned when she told her mother she was a Lesbian. She was followed by detectives for about six months. Her mother agreed to take her back only if she went into psychotherapy. Based on her experience, I decided to refrain from telling my mother. I wrote a diary once, and in it I was questioning whether I was or wasn't gay. My mother got a hold of the diary and mimeographed it. She said she was gonna blackmail me by spreading it around to hurt the friends I mentioned were gay. We never talked about it except one day my mother happened to tell me that I was absolutely not a Lesbian because she didn't raise me to be that way. You have to raise someone. I haven't said anything for about four years now. I just imagine that my mother will go on, and I'll be 35 and 45 and 55, and she'll just assume that I haven't found the right man.

JAN: Do you find a lot of conflicts living like that?

SHARON: I'm not very close to my parents. I've sort of disowned them so it isn't worth it to me. But it's worth it to tell my brother and sister. I imagine that will eventually come out after a period of time.

ELI: How do you think they would feel about that?

SHARON: That's a good question. They've been raised in my parents' home and they occasionally make derogatory remarks about "queers." My sister environs all men that are queers as terribly feminine. She says it turns her stomach. But I question how much of this is reiterating what she's been told and how much is actually her opinion. I suspect that she would be open to it, once she sees a gay person who she knows, trusts and likes. I assume she feels this way about me.

ANN: Just from the experiences of myself and a few close friends who told their parents, the fathers have always reacted more positively than the mothers. I wonder if it's harder for a woman to deal with the fact that her daughter, her child, her female child, is gay.

MICHELE: That's because it's a threat, right there. Incest and the whole basic thing.

SHARON: Maybe women try to live more through their daughters and husbands, and fathers feel they can achieve other things.

ANN: Right.

SHARON: My mother is always hounding me to have children and get married.

ELI: I think people are basically bi-sexual and it probably brings up some feelings of the mother towards her daughter or the father towards his son.

ANN: My brother told me a story once about my mother. It seems that when she was a teenager, someone had intimated that she was carrying on with a friend. She was kind of a loner and she had one close girlfriend. There was apparently some suggestion that perhaps they were involved in some not nice way. So I thought maybe she would understand the kinds of feelings of closeness between women that would lead to physical expression. But she didn't. When I asked my mother later about the incident, she said, "I never heard of that. No one ever told me that the kids said that. I don't know where your brother heard it." I don't know, maybe sue suppressed it.

MICHELE: I didn't tell my parents I was gay, but about four years ago, they came up to me one evening. We were sitting around after dinner and my father told me that he had heard a rumor that I had done something really awful. He was referring to the fact that I was having an affair with a woman. I didn't say anything and left that night for Boston. About a year and a half later, I was home and my mother said to me, "Are you still gay?"

LAUGHTER

And I said, "Yeah Ma, I am."

MORE LAUGHTER

After that, I came in late one night and was talking to my mother. She was feeling very down on my father. They have been in the process of maybe getting a divorce for about seven years. My mother was insinuating that men are disgusting and "your father is just like all of them." There we were, having drinks and getting out all our aggravations about men. I went to bed thinking, Well, my mother has good consciousness about men. The next day, I was talking to my father about being gay and he said something like, "Ugh, I bet you want to use men's rooms!" That was his moronic comment. I thought my mother would ally herself with me, but instead she backed up my father. They both started yelling at me. I was so aggravated I guess I found that my mother is more sympathetic than my father, who is completely freaked. My mother understands but you can't get her support when she's being threatened, which is when I'm contradicting my father. When she's alone, she'll say, "Well, that's cool."

CATHY: It's funny. I was told that when the chips were down, not to count on my father's support. When things weren't bad, he would support me, but when things got really rough, he'd protect his girl, which was my mother.

JERI: Michele, did your mother ever say she understood lesbianism or just anti-male feelings?

MICHELE: I think that for her, they were probably the same. It sounds funny but I guess she doesn't have any real sense of loving women. Then again, my mother's lived a pretty isolated life. She was a virgin when she got married at 28, and I don't think she's loved anybody but my father her whole life. She doesn't treat me as a male-hating Lesbian, though. She's met maybe ten of my friends in Boston and when she's together with women she knows are Lesbians, she relates really well to them. She's not hung up. I think basically that her trip is, 'Men

are pretty creepy. Yuk.' My father isn't particularly bad either.

ANN: I don't dare say anything derogatory about the male sex in general, when I'm home with my parents, especially to my mother. Because she would fit me right into her stereotype of a Lesbian and I'm working hard to break down those beliefs.

MICHELE: My mother feels that all women basically hate men. I once asked her, "Why the fuck don't you come out to be gay?" Her answer was really typical. She said, "It never occurred to me." (And I think that if it HAD occurred to her, I might not be here today!)

ELI: (angrily interrupts) What do you mean, it never OCCURRED to her? It still COULD occur to her.

MICHELE: No. No. No. Not now. She's just turned 49, or 50.

ANN: It's hard to make changes.

MICHELE: I know people who have become gay when they're 50 or 60, but for my mother, it's not an option. Especially to go out and seek another person

ELI: Rather than to find the person and discover a new part of yourself?

MICHELE: Yeah, possibly if she met this really dynamite woman . . .





MOTHER

ELI: Introduce her around!

LAUGHTER

MICHELE: I tried!!

LAUGHTER, FOLLOWED BY
MANY SUGGESTIONS FROM
THE GROUP

I introduced her to the mother of a friend of mine, hoping they would get it together, but they didn't.

MORE LAUGHTER

I even left them alone—discreetly.

JAN: In the course of my interviews, I've found that there was a mixture of reactions from parents. Some mothers absolutely couldn't take it at all, but some fathers were really good. Perhaps one of the reasons why the mother might get more upset is because she has the prime responsibility for bringing up the kid.

Whether she's working or not, she's still the mother of the kid. She gets the blame.

SHARON: That's what my mother said. She felt very guilty. She actually came out and said, "What did I do wrong with you?" Three or four times.

ELI: My mother said that too. She said, "I thought I worked so hard to prepare you for the fact that after a war, there's ALWAYS a shortage of men!"

MUCH LAUGHTER

ANN: Except don't you think that fathers

can feel the same responsibility? In the sense that, "She's gay because there was never a strong father figure in the family and I wasn't around long enough to make her feel comfortable with men?" Or, "I failed in pulling her through that whole Electra complex?"

JERI: I don't think most fathers take on that much responsibility. Fathers see the mother as the person who's supposed to make the daughter a woman.

ANN: Maybe.

JERI: Your mother teaches you how to wear lipstick and how to wear a bra. It's her job to get you into those stockings and into that girdle and on the road to womanhood. If anything goes wrong, it's her fault. It's a rare father who would share that responsibility.

MORE LAUGHTER

BARBARA: My parents have come a long way in the past five years, in accepting how I relate to people. But they still have their standards. I brought home a girl who was 18 years old and had never been to high school. I'm a college graduate. They didn't say anything about our relationship. Their comment was, "You're well-educated and blah blah blah. What are you DOING with a girl like this?"

HYSTERIA

It was as if I had brought home a boy who was a bum! In a way, you should give them credit for even acknowledging my relationship, but, in a way, they transferred the whole thing. "Why can't you bring home a nice girl?"

MORE HYSTERIA

MICHELE: I was involved with a woman for about a year and when I told my mother, her comment was a classic. She said, "Well, at least she's Jewish."

LAUGHTER

She figured since the woman was Jewish, it made things a little better!

ANN: I guess one of the things I don't understand about my mother is that she keeps playing games. I told both of my parents at the same time last Christmas...

JAN: The time of joy?

ANN: (sarcastically) Ho. Ho. Ho. I think that I told them that evening in an attempt to hurt them. It was during a big fight about the fact that my parents don't know what's going on in my life. It was sort of a way to hurt them and sort of a way to get them to shut up and listen to me for a minute. I said, "I do have some things I'd like to tell you." My mother said, "I know what they are."

LAUGHTER

I said, "What are they?" and she said, "No, you tell me." It looked like nobody was gonna say it. Then my father said, "On the count of three, we'll both say it together."

LAUGHTER

It wasn't funny, let me tell you.

JERI: Did your mother really know?

ANN: She finally said, "You're a Lesbian." I said, "Yes."

LAUGHTER

Then I said, "How do you feel about that, Mother?" She couldn't speak, so my father did. He said that he had known because my mother had suspected it for a long time, and in an attempt to hurt him one night, she had said, "I think YOUR daughter's a Lesbian."

LAUGHTER

They never discussed it after that. Eventually, my mother told me that she was very disappointed, but that she didn't love me any less for it. She'd known it for years. She anticipated it, expected it, suspected it, long before I ever thought of it myself! What I don't understand is why she kept playing games with me. She'd call up and say, "Hi, how are you? Are you going out with anybody?" I would make someone up, or I would go out. I'd date guys for a short time, until they wanted to get into bed. Then I'd say, "Mom, Bob wasn't that exciting."

JAN: Maybe she played games because she didn't want to know. Maybe she was waiting for you to give her something to dispell her suspicions.

ANN: I guess he'd have to be a very sensitive father, which I don't have.

JERI: It's a shame. My mother feels she's failed. This tells me that she's very insecure about her role as a woman and mother. It also says that she can't see me as being anything positive. Because I am a Lesbian, I will never be anything successful to her. I could never be a good lawyer in her eyes; I could never be a good politician. I'll always be her daughter, the Lesbian.

CATHY: My mother the car.

LAUGHTER

ANN: My family turned it around on me. I failed, in my responsibility to them. They never failed me. Staying here in Boston this summer is my FAULT. They wouldn't go as far as to think that I want to stay here with someone I care for very much. If my brother wanted to stay with a woman in Boston, that would be fine. But I've somehow failed. My mother's not sorry that I'm not gonna be a mother. It's a matter of I'm not going to be normal. And there's nobody abnormal in my family.

CATHY: Right. In my family, you're supposed to be successful. Go out and achieve. Being a Lesbian is definitely not an achievement.

LAUGHTER

ELI: I want to say something else about my mother. When I first told her I was gay, she was pretty freaked out. But, for the last year, she has been coming to Boston and talking about her feelings and mine. We've been working things out together and have now formed a really close relationship where she respects me and I respect her. I feel that she's a terrific friend. So I said to her, "Next time you come to Boston, Mom, I want you to dance with me at the woman's bar." She said, "Fine." She's coming next weekend.

ANN: Let's all go!

LAUGHTER

JERI: You know, girls dance with their fathers all the time. It's daddy's little girl trip. Why can't mothers dance with their daughters?

KAREN: That reminds me very much of my own relationship with my mother. We were very close—to the point where we could actually talk honestly as one woman to another. It was a learning situation and our bonds were really tight. Then I got into a relationship with a woman and my mother started saying things like, "I don't want any lessies in the house. She's a queer." All of a sudden

things changed. It was traumatic for me because it seemed to be a clear cut choice—my Lesbianism or her. She was very important to me but I told her, "You gotta accept me. It's a part of my life." She's had a hard time accepting it; she doesn't believe that I'm a Lesbian. It's another one of the incomprehensible things I've done, like going to Antioch. She always says, "Oh, you're weird." And I say to her, "O.K., you can take that way." It's taken some time but she's coming around. She's toned down her rhetoric somewhat. It actually came down to a point where she said, "I don't think it's right. I don't even know what you do!"

LAUGHTER

"I don't want to know what you do, unless you don't do it!"

ANN: I know that there must have been an attempt not to believe it, and I can understand that. But why didn't she say, "I suspect you're a Lesbian and I'm concerned. Do you think it's a problem?" Instead she said, "Do you feel you relate to people abnormally?" That was her game.

JAN: Maybe she felt guilty that she made you a Lesbian because she had all these suspicions from when you were little.

ANN: She did.

JAN: Maybe she didn't want to give you any ideas you might possibly not have.

MICHELE: Are there girls in your family?

ANN: Three boys. Four of us now!

LAUGHTER

Really, that happened to me when I went to a doctor. In answering routine questions I said I was a Lesbian. The doctor, the WOMAN doctor, came out and said, "So your father wasn't satisfied with three sons. You're the fourth. Ha. Ha. Ha."

KAREN: My friend pulled the same trip on me that your mother pulled on you, ANN. She said, "Don't tell me because I already know." I said, "What is it? What is it? What do you know?"

LAUGHTER

I had just said, "I have a lover." And she said, melodramatically, "I know what it is. Your lover . . . is not . . . a MAN!"

LAUGHTER

KAREN: I made a mistake in telling my friend. I just wanted to be honest with her because we'd been developing a good relationship. She's straight, married with kids. Like a lot of people, she didn't know anything about Lesbians and didn't know what to say. She had no idea of what the social life was like, what I expected and how I felt. The only thing she said to me was, "I don't tell you about my sexual life and I don't want to hear about yours." I hadn't even mentioned sex. That was exactly how she was relating to me. "I don't want to deal with it," she said, and moved over to her side of the car. I haven't heard from her since.

NONA: Her reaction must have hurt you. KAREN: Sure. I've known her for years.

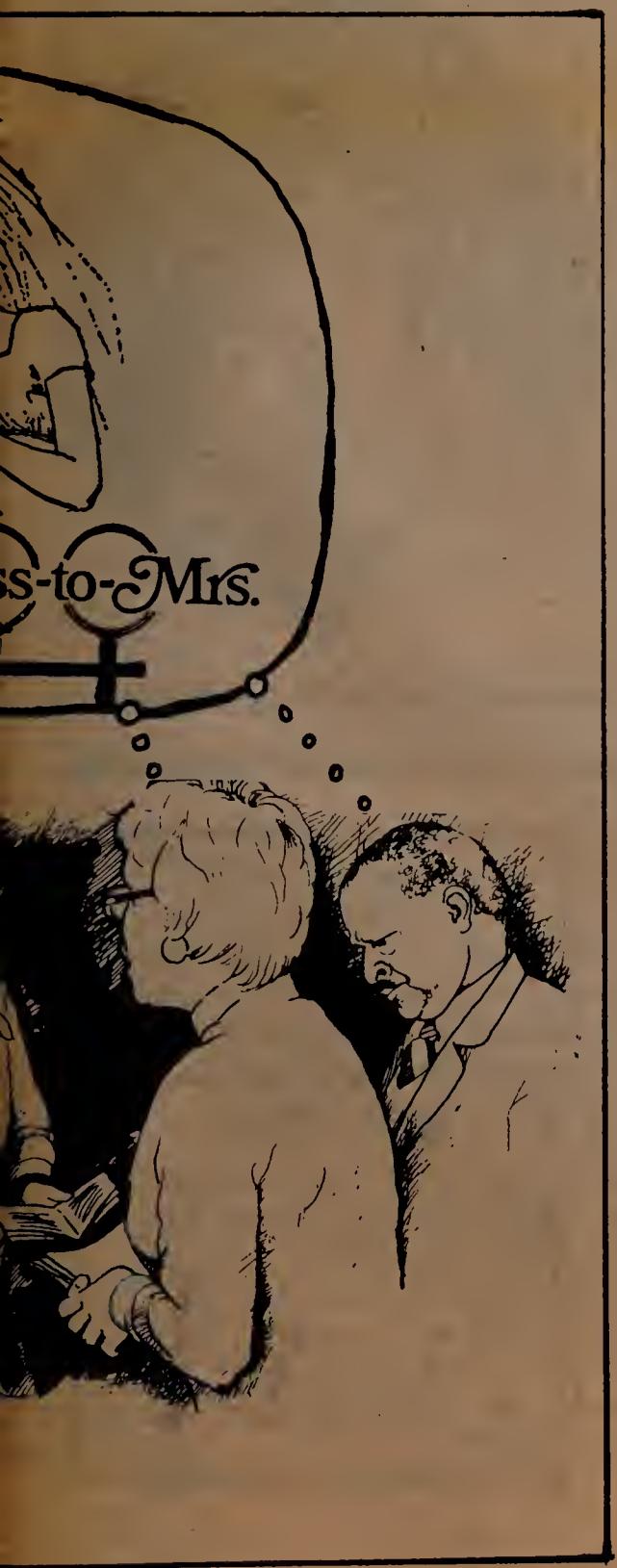
NAN: Why do people think that being a lesbian is just a sex act?

SUE: Did you ever go to the porno movies?

NAN: Well, not many of my friends do, so I can't attribute it to that.

ANN: I thought that it would be easier for my mother to understand me because she was a woman. "Don't you have fe-

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Telling Mother

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male friends?" I asked her. "Aren't there women in your lifetime that you've felt very close to? You felt closer to them in many ways than you've felt towards your own husband. Therefore, can't you understand why I might love women not only spiritually, emotionally and intellectually, but also physically?" It's the physical thing that upsets her the most. We've had a number of conversations. She says, "Physically? Your father and I wouldn't do that before we were married."

JERI: So tell them you'll get married!

LAUGHTER

ELI: I can't believe the trips mothers lay on us.

SHARON: My mother used to cut out sections of Dear Abby and underline the parts about what a good mother is. She'd write in the margins, "I was a good mother. You're failing me."

THE GROUP MOANS IN

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Then she'd attach the wedding announcements from the Tri-Town Tribune. She'd underline the parts about the wedding gown. Then she'd send the baby announcements and write, "I can't wait for you to have children. You can bring them home any time."

CATHY: My father bore the brunt of my mother's wrath, but he really surprised me. I had just encountered my mother and I needed some support afterwards. I went out for a drive with my dad and he said, "I really like Mary. I think she's a second daughter and I hope to know her more. I don't understand your relationship but I accept it." Then he paused a minute and said, "Well, on second thought I don't understand what women see in men. I can't see how they love men, and I don't understand how men love other men. But maybe I can understand how you could love a woman." That made up for the whole horrible night.

ANN: My father, too, reacted in a positive way. He sat down with me and talked about his experiences, as a lawyer, in dealing with divorces. He said he sees so many people who never loved one another from the very beginning that he can only hope that his children understand the value of love. He didn't care who we learned this with, as long as we understood what love meant. Therefore, he was very happy for me that I loved somebody.



Those were the parts of the body I associated with the bathroom.

LAUGHTER

ANN: Do you find that you have problems now?

PROLONGED HYSTERIA

SUE: My mother never told me anything. I'm 28 and she doesn't even know I have my period yet!

MORE LAUGHTER

JAN: What about the love part? Did anyone's parents ever talk about love? That's what parents seem to have the most trouble understanding when we tell them we're Lesbians.

SHARON: My mother locked me in the bathroom with some books and said, "Read them." She never mentioned sex between adults. I didn't find out till I was hopelessly old.

JAN: But what about the whole feeling behind it all? I think it's common with that generation not to talk about things that deal with emotions.

SHARON: She said you have to have love to have a marriage. You meet this one guy and in about ten seconds you immediately know that it's true love. Your heart will start pounding. You will never fall out of love with him. You'll never have any problems. You don't marry for anything except love. Not compatibility, not money, not anything. It really seemed strange then, because my parents always fought terribly.

KAREN: (mocking) "When you fall in love, you know it."

CATHY: My mother told me the same thing; but when I told her I was in love with a woman she said, "How do you know it's love?"

SHARON: If I ever told her that I was in love with a woman and that I wanted to spend my whole life with her and that it happened in ten seconds, I don't think she'd take it seriously.

SIM: My mother brought me and my sister up by herself, without a man in the house. When I was about 13, I used to hang around with guys. It was just natural for me. My mother thought, "She'll grow out of this stage." By the time I got into high school, she started to wonder and asked me, "Do you have any female friends? You should hang around with females. You hang around with boys and you'll get a reputation." When I got into college, I had a lot of female friends and they all started calling my house and coming to see me. Then my mother started wondering and she said, "What happened to your boy friends? Where are they? I mean, why females? You don't need them."

LAUGHTER

SUE: Just tell her it's the flip side of when you were 13.

SIM: I guess I should tell her I'm gay. See, I have an older sister who's married, has a house, three kids and a loving husband who's in business for himself. From the whole family, I'm getting, "Why aren't you like your sister?" My grandmother says, "I'm gonna take out an ad in the paper for you. I'm gonna find you a husband. I don't care how old he is or what kind of person he is." She told my mother she wished I'd come home pregnant.

JERI: How old are you?

SIM: 23.

JERI: Why don't you just tell your mother you're a Lesbian?

SIM: For the simple reason that if I do tell her, she'll say, "You have thirty seconds to get the hell out of that door and I don't want to see you again." At which point, I have a trampoline under my window and she throws out my clothes, my T.V., my stereo, my records, everything.

JAN: Are you sure she'll react that way?

SIM: Definitely. About a week later, she'll calm down and think. She'll be very upset and she'll say, "You're still my daughter. I love you. Come home. This I could not do."

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Stars Come Out At Night

A Lesbian Feminist Fantasy



by Margot Fontaine

Once upon a time, but not too long ago... My friend MarySue and I were attempting to fight our way through the freezing rain which had been oppressing our bodies for an hour. We finally found the local women's bar and a welcome relief from the cold.

Anyway, we were simply sitting and sipping our sombreros to warm up a little, when a bevy of beautiful women walked into the bar.

They were all so tall and free that it made me feel glad to be a woman.

I could see every woman in the room admiring their close-cropped hair and tough, blue-jeaned work-shirted bodies.

But there was one woman in their midst who could not help standing out in any crowd. She was spectacular; the clothes outlining her slim, attractive body and her soft, blonde hair surrounding her classic features in "Jean Harlow-style" waves.

I could have slunk under the barstool, though, when I looked down at my own flannel shirt and rumpled painter's pants. I felt sure that MS (short for MarySue) was similarly embarrassed; because she had the grimace on her face that means her toes are curling in her combat boots and saying to herself, "Lord, why didn't I take a shower today."

MS jabbed me in the ribs and whispered, "Do you know who that is?"

"Of course," I replied. "Hadn't I seen her picture a million times?"

I just adored the color photo of her on the back of her first bestseller, "Psychedelic Psychoanalysis as Pertaining to the Patriarchy."

She was wearing blue navy bells, a red silk shirt, and a denim jacket with her name

in rainbow glitter on the back. (I later learned from one of those "question and answer" things in the underground newspaper that she always dressed that way; except that she changed to white bells in the summer and that her v-necked silk shirt varied color with the day of the week). She was Susan Stuporstar, a real heavy lesbian feminist!

Smiling and nodding to everyone, she ambled over to the bar and ordered a draft. But, before she could pay for her drink, something happened. A woman came up and asked if she could get Susan's drink. As Susan stepped aside to let the woman pay, she accidentally spilled some beer on MS who just happened to be standing next to her. Apologizing profusely for making her spill beer on her, MS offered to pay for her next drink. Susan thanked her and asked her name; because she couldn't accept anything from someone whose name she didn't even know.

MS is such an ever-so-right-on name. I wish it were mine; I'm sure that was what made "Susan Stuporstar" continue talking with her. Of course, I finally could have the opportunity to get to know her as she really was by just sitting there and listening.

Susan related how she got started as a columnist for the *Unconscious Udder*: When she burst into the editor's office, knocked her down on the floor and made love to her, how could they not read her manuscripts and see how much talent she had? Of course, seeing all this talent, how could they help do anything but give her a column? What was most inspiring was when someone asked her why she played jazz autoharp with her feet. She just told them straight out that she had taken it up because she felt it was therapeutic to do something constructive about integrating her foot fetish with the rest of her personality.

Well, MS got to go home with Susan that night. Unfortunately, I never really got to see my best friend again. Every time I saw her after that she was with some big star like Mary Handsomewoman or Ruby Radical; I couldn't just walk up and talk to her as if she were still one of the dykes who hang around the women's center.

It was, however, a very useful experience. Now that I've been close to a real feminist it might be possible for me to talk with one some day.

Maybe I should change my name first and get some new clothes...

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The View from the Closet

by A. Nolder Gay

What's In A Name?

For some reason or other, I've recently dredged up out of the cluttered intellectual wastebasket which is my substitute for a mind the old children's jingle "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names can never hurt me." We've had altogether too much gay bone-breaking around here in recent weeks, and I'm as buffalooed as

anybody else concerning what can be done about it. I hope that the newly formed Gay Defense League can come up with some fresh ideas.

Nevertheless, the old adage is wrong. Words can hurt more lastingly than sticks and stones. Names stereotype, they force acceptance of an identity and a self-image which we know is inadequate, incomplete, even inhuman; but which sometimes, alone, we are powerless to resist. Thus ethnic stereotypes echoing with vicious resonance as the Boston schools open for another year, laid onto kids who might otherwise get along fine with each other. Thus stereotypes about women, and about people of a different social class or political persuasion or economic status or religious belief. Thus also the litany of gay opprobrium: "fag," "dyke," "queer," "pansy," "fruit." Or the limp-wrist set or the Middlesex regiment or what have you.

In the last year I've acquired a number of new names: the elder statesman of the Boston gay community (ageist label, that!), its Adlai Stevenson, its A. J. Muste, its philosopher-in-residence, and the straightest gay in Boston. I've also heard myself called a fucking faggot, garbage, Hellhound, a filthy pervert, and similar endearing terms. I haven't been particularly impressed with any of these names, partly because I'm old enough to know who I am inside and secure in that cluster of identities. Also, I tend to get either puzzled or highly annoyed with the damn-fool idiots who have the consummate nerve to dare try to put me down because I'm gay. ("Off with their heads!" cried the Queen.)

The labelling process is harder for the young to resist, however, as Zev Meyerson, President of Boston Gay Youth, has elo-

quently pointed out in a recent GCN article (Vol. II no. 10). The high school gay, victim of intense peer pressure, concerned whether he or she will ever be anybody and what to be anyway, often has nowhere to turn for defenses. At such a time, names can force one to either of two unhealthy extremes: you retreat into a kind of shell by letting fear of other people's homophobia define you, or you grab onto a flamboyantly gay life-style because it is seemingly the only attainable identity around. There are those who argue that blatant is better than latent. But in either case, the outside naming defines an inner identity, not the other way about.

I respectfully disagree, however, with Mr. Meyerson's implication that the counsel of gays other than his contemporaries is of little or no help to the young gay working through problems of self-definition and self-acceptance. Hundreds of gay examples from the Greeks onward offer persuasive evidence to the contrary. Most commonly, I think, we clarify and extend our own experience through our encounters with those who are somewhat different from ourselves. To run only with those who are just like us is stultifying on the long run. Whatever may be said of schools of fish, humans need diversity to grow.

We need to develop habits and ways of relating to each other across lines of generation and gender and ethnicity and life-style. Only then can we build that community whose name we take in vain so often; only then can we find the identity which protects us from the names which hurt. For as a community, we acknowledge only two common labels: our name is Gay, and our name is Legion.

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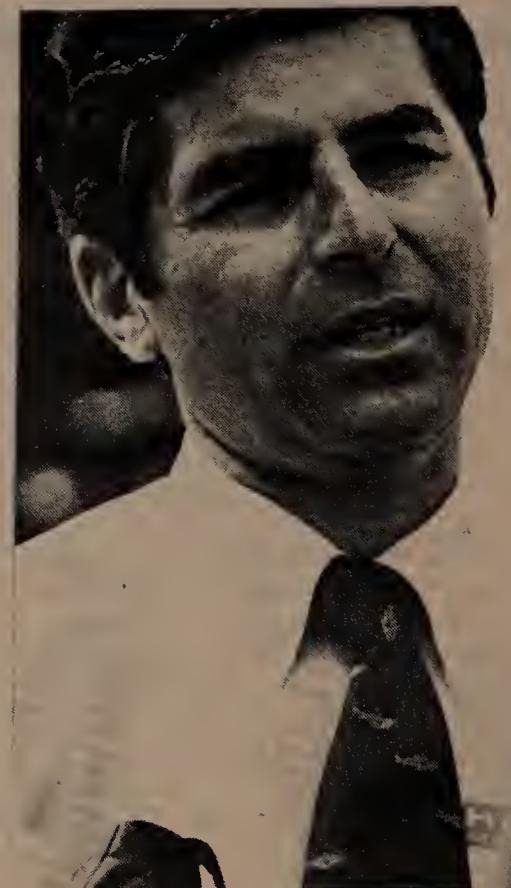
SARGENT DUKAKIS

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Sargent is the only state-wide Republican candidate to have offered the issue of gay rights such strong support. Lt. Governor Donald R. Dwight's position is unknown, and Sen. John M. Quinlan, Republican nominee for Secretary of State, has consistently voted against gay rights legislation. Conversely, Reps. Thomas P. O'Neill III and Paul H. Guzzi, respective Democratic nominees for the positions, have been on record as in support of the issue for some time.

On certain issues of peripheral interest to the gay community, there still appear, however, to be some differences between the two major candidates. Sargent signed a strict anti-pornography bill in May, sponsored by Atty. Gen. Robert Quinn, over the vigorous protests of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. Dukakis has stated that the only anti-pornography legislation which should be on the books is that which would prevent offensive public advertising, and prohibit distribution of obscenity to minors.

On the issue of abortion, the differences are considerably cloudier. Although both men say that they are opposed to a consti-



Michael Dukakis, Democratic nominee for Governor.

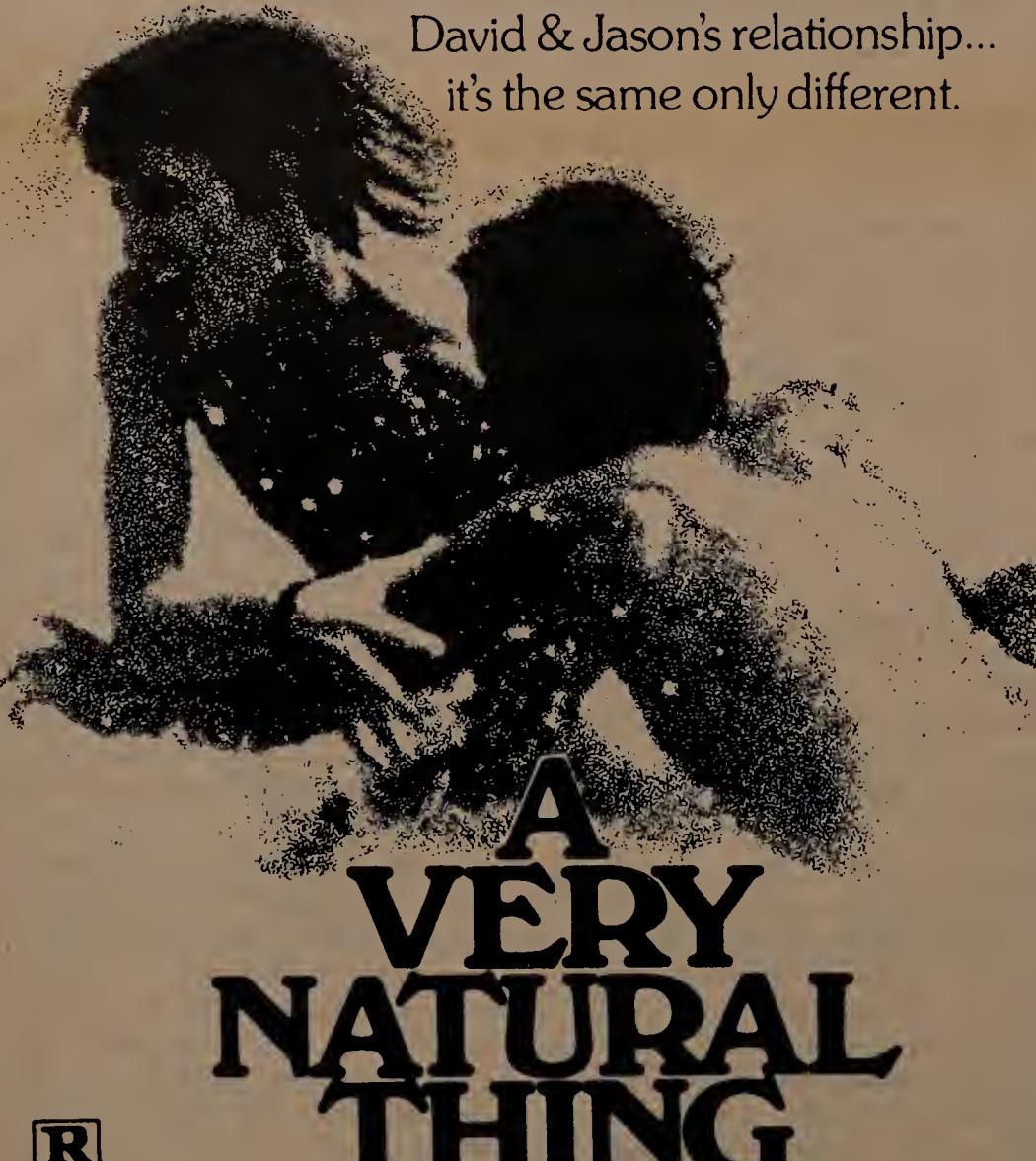
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tutional amendment prohibiting abortions, the recently enacted Right-to-Life anti-abortion bill apparently had both candidates' support. Dukakis stated that he would have signed the bill, after making several protective changes. Sargent vetoed the bill while the Legislature was in its last two days of work, and returned it to the legislature, where it was overwhelmingly overridden. The National Organization for Women had urged Sargent not to sign the bill (pocket veto), and let it die. This procedural maneuver on the part of Sargent was seen as an indication of his desire to have the anti-abortion bill become law, but to be able to blame the legislature for it.

One Democratic legislator, remarking on the recent developments, said, "If Sargent was so gung-ho gay, why did it take him so long to tell everyone? Furthermore, if you people (gays) really want to see your bills passed, you'd be smart not to elect a Republican Governor while your bills have to go through a Democratic legislature. They just might kill the bills to spite Sargent."

A Republican member of the House, however, said, "This shows that the Governor is sincere, and that you (gays) can count on support from both parties. Good issues cross party lines."

The local gay rights movement has apparently snowballed considerably over the last year, and the only question unanswered is that of the state's vapidly anti-gay forces, who do not appear to have a major statewide candidate for high office on their side. Both Dukakis and Sargent have been endorsed by their conservative primary opponents, and many are watching now for defections from both parties based on the pro-gay momentum.

gay kangaroos?

by Charles Bonnell

Returning from a well-spent night at a friend's apartment recently, I walked past The Upper Story, a store east of Harvard Square, where Mass Ave meets Mt. Auburn Street. In the window was an ark, with a row of animals walking into it. My first reaction was to think, "Oh, well, just another heterosexist scene"; but then I looked



a little closer at the pair of kangaroos leading the way. Both had pouches with baby kangaroos in them. But only female kangaroos have pouches, I remembered, and that could mean only one thing—*Lesbian mother kangaroos!* I decided not to protest to the store's management after all.

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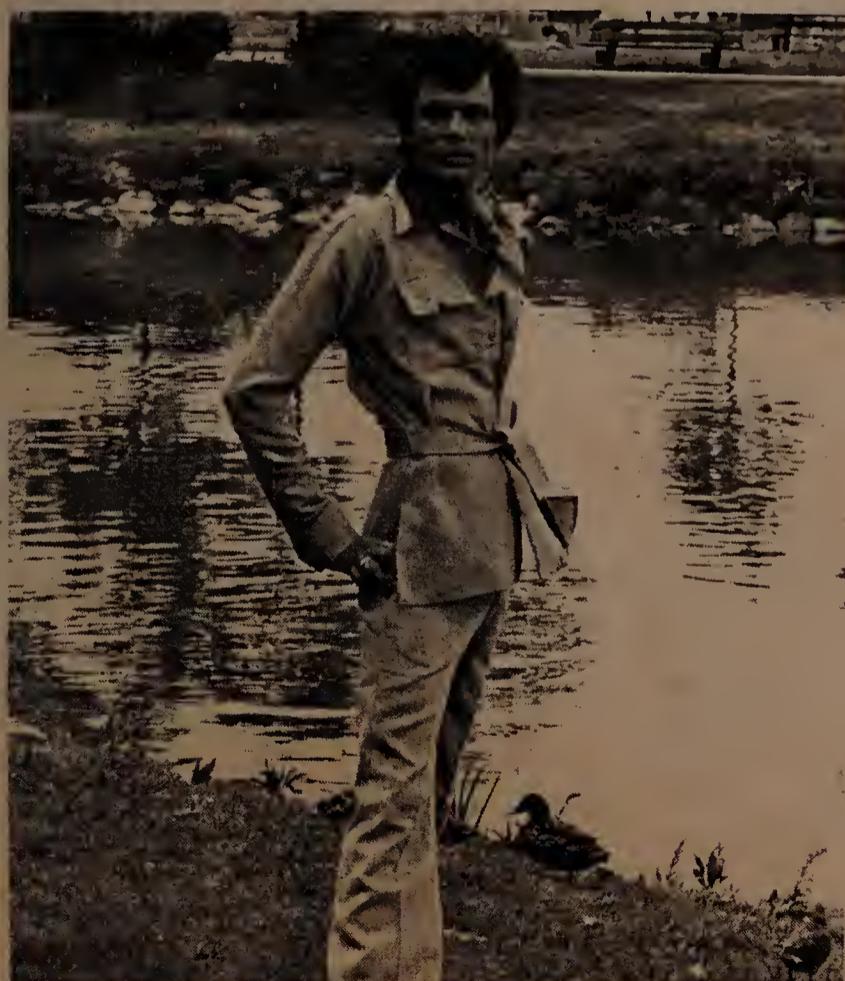
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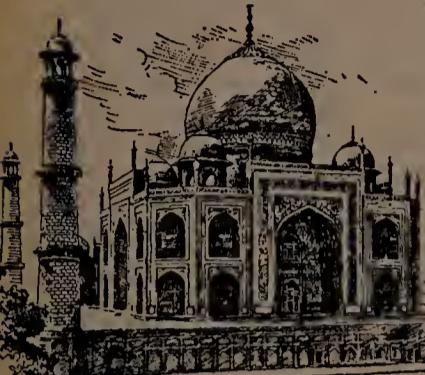
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Box 1424, Portsmouth 03801

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136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011

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Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368
Charlestown Gay Neighbors' Assn. 241-8357
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450
Daughters Of Bilitis 262-1592
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Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts, Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108
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Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund 267-0516
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Gay Media Action 868-5729
Gay Media Action Advertising 783-1627
Gay Hotline (1-9 Tu,Th; 1-5 W) 266-5477
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MCC Study Group of Worcester P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543

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Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657

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SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747

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2 wed

Charlestown Gay Neighbors Association will meet tonight. This will be an important organizational meeting dealing with structure and plans for political involvement in activities of the wider community. Please try to attend if you're at all interested. Call (617) 241-8357 for more details.

3 thurs

The Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Students' organization will resume weekly meetings for the school year tonight and every subsequent Thursday at 8:30 pm, in the parlor of Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard in Cambridge. For additional details call (617) 498-2660.



4 fri

Tonight will be the second in a series of dances at, and for the benefit of, the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Dance will start at 9 pm and continue 'till 1 am. This dance is sponsored by Homophile Community Health Service; donation asked is \$2 at the door. (The purpose of these dances is to pay up last year's heating oil bill in order to keep warm this winter!) By the way, beer will be available.

The University of Massachusetts/Boston Gay Group will resume their weekly meetings this afternoon at 12:30 pm, continuing each subsequent Friday at the same time. Meetings are at the Columbia Point Campus, in College II, room 620. New extension phone numbers for this group are (287-1900) ext. 3184 and 3236.

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WEDNESDAYS

- 12 noon-8 pm—Provincetown Drop-In Center has these hours especially for gay problems. Come in or call. See Quick Gay Guide
- 7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine.
- 7:10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence
- 7:30 pm—SMU Gay Alliance, Student Senate Chambers, Campus Center, North Dartmouth, Mass.
- 7:30 pm—Waltham-Watertown Gays, meeting and supper, 926-5739. (2nd and 4th Wednesdays)
- 7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323
- 8:00 pm—Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415
- 8:00 pm—Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)
- 10:15 pm—“Gaybreak Radio,” on WMUA-FM, 91.1 fm. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

THURSDAYS

- 6:15 pm—WBCN’s “Rhinoceros” radio show, 104.1, Boston.

5 sat

Active Gays will hold their monthly brunch today at 11 am at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Guest speaker will be Nat Denman talking on the art and practice of *pro se* litigation.

A benefit dance for *Conference '74: An Amazon Expedition* will be held tonight at 8 pm at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. *The New New Haven Women's Liberation Rock Band* will be featured performers. Suggested donation at the door will be \$3.00. An event by and for women. Note: Even though the Conference has been postponed 'till next Spring, fundraising events will continue; if this conference is to happen, your support is needed.

6 sun

Worcester Gay Union will hold a membership social and clambake today at 3 pm on Buteau Rd. in Spencer, Mass. Fare will include lobster or steak (choose one), steamers, corn on the cob, and potatoes. All you can eat for \$8 per person for members; \$9 for non-members. NOTE: Reservations must be in by Sept. 20. Address cheques to: The Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359, Federal Station, Worcester, Mass. 01601.

Gay Women of Providence, R.I., will hold a potluck picnic today. For further information and directions, call Jean or Beth at (401) 942-2094.

Gay Speakers' Bureau (GSB) will hold the last of its current series of training sessions today at 7:30 p.m. in Cambridge. Sessions involve discussion, role playing, and fact finding. Contact the GSB at (617) 547-1451 for location and other details.

The women and men of the Waltham-Watertown Gay Group will ascend Mount Monadnock today in glory. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join them. Call (617) 926-5739 for further information.



7 mon

At DOB Topic Rap tonight at 7:30 pm will feature a Gay Media Action videotape festival. Included will be coverage of legislative hearings, excerpts from the “*Nana*” series, from the “Good Morning Show” with John Willis, and a sound tape of the first television program in Boston featuring gays — Dr. Socarides vs. the presidents of DOB and HUB from 1970. Donations to benefit Gay Media Action.

Homophile Community Health Service of Boston will hold its quarterly corporation meeting tonight at 8 pm in their offices on the fourth floor of 419 Boylston St., Boston. On the agenda: Budget for 1975, including the question of whether volunteers should be paid. All interested persons are urged to attend.



8 tues

Due to diligence and hard work on the part of gays, the “Outrage” episode of Marcus Welby will not be seen tonight in Boston or in Philadelphia markets. Stay glued for further developments.

Some of you don't vote, and that's your business. But to those of you who would except you're a little absent minded goes this reminder. Today is the last day you can register in Massachusetts and still be able to vote in the November election, so do it.

10 thurs

The Good Gay Poets will present Thomas Meyer and British poet Jonathan Willias tonight at 8 p.m. at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Both authors will read selections from their own poetry. Donation at the door; whatever you can afford. NOTE: The next presentation in this series will be of William Burroughs and John Giorno. The date for this rather special appearance has yet to be set, so watch here for further details.

Today is Civil Liberties Day, and the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts will celebrate with a series of events which include: 9 am, *Women's Rights Workshop: Legislation and Litigation*; 12 noon, *Obscenity Seminar*; 2 pm, *Civil Liberties Workshop*; 5 pm, *Wine and Cheese Party* ... come meet the personnel of the Mass. Civil Liberties Union; 7 pm, *Fund Raising Gourmet Dinner*, reservations required.

All events are free except the Fund Raising Dinner. These workshops and seminars are open in structure, and if gay people attend, then gay rights can be a central issue. These sessions are to be held at the Worcester Public Library; the Wine and Cheese party and the Dinner are at Assumption College. For more details and dinner reservations, call the MCLU at (617) 752-5363.

11 fri

Tonight is the third in the series of benefit dances at, and for, the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. This dance is sponsored by the many gay community groups in the Boston area. Beer will be available, and the donation will be \$2 at the door. Dances will run from 9 pm to 1 am.

18 fri

A Masquerade Dance will be held tonight at the Charles St. Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a prize awarded for the best costume. The dance, which is sponsored by Boston Daughters of Bilitis, is for all men and women. Music will be provided by the band *Deadly Nightshade*. Donation will be \$2.00 at the door.

20 sun

Boston Daughters of Bilitis will hold their elections tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the DOB office, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Room 323. All members are urged to attend to this important function.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, noon on Thursday prior to the date of publication.

SATURDAYS

- 1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197
- 2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509
- 3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM
- 1 am-5 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

SUNDAYS

- 10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM
- 1:00 pm—DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge

2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 942-2094

- 4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)

5:30 pm—Exodus Mass. St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston

6:30 pm—MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston

7:00 pm—MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence. 831-3733

7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.

8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31

12M-3 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

MONDAYS

- 10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM
- 5:30 pm—Women's Community Health Center open house, 137 Hampshire St., Cambridge Mass.

7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347

7-10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence

8:00 pm—Daughters Of Bilitis Topic Rap, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm—Gays and Alcoholism discussion at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston (1st and 3rd Tuesdays).

7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge

7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323

7:30 pm—Transvestite Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415 (first and third Tuesdays)

7:30 pm—MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.

8 pm—Gay Defense League, Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston.

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